GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNAUTHORISED CONSTRUCTIONS AROUND JAMA MASJID
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised constructions in the vicinity of Jama Masjid is posing threat to the environment and security of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Hon`ble High Court has repeatedly ordered for removing such structures therefrom;

(c) if so, the reasons for not removing them so far;

(d) whether any time limit has been prescribed by the Government for removing such structures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): DDA has reported that it has carried out removal of unauthorized encroachments in and around the Jama Masjid area on a regular basis. High Court orders for removal of such structures have also been complied with. However, it is true that some temporary encroachments in the form of vendors plying their wares in the open area around Jama Masjid during the day time and removing themselves in the evening are noticed in this area. A Committee has also been set up under the Dy. Commissioner (Central) by the orders of Lt. Governor, Delhi to carry out regular anti-encroachment drives against such encroachments. Action against unauthorized constructions and encroachments is a continuous process, which is taken by local bodies as per the provision of Acts and Rules.